

**OSCC DECISION No. 7/03
TO THE TREATY ON OPEN SKIES**

**Scale of distribution for the common expenses associated with the operation of the
Open Skies Consultative Commission**

The Open Skies Consultative Commission (OSCC), pursuant to the provision of Annex L, paragraph 9 of the Treaty on Open Skies, has decided as follows:

1. The scale of distribution for the common expenses associated with the operation of the Open Skies Consultative Commission (hereafter referred to as the "scale of distribution of the OSCC") shall be based on the revised scale of distribution adopted in PC.DEC/468, dated 11 April 2002, by the Permanent Council of the OSCE (hereafter referred to as the "Standard Scale"). The scale of distribution of the Open Skies Consultative Commission shall be revised to reflect any revisions of the Standard Scale.
2. In accordance with OSCC.DEC/8/02/Corr.1, dated 22 April 2002, further to the deposit of Finland and Latvia's instruments of accession, the OSCC decides to redistribute OSCC costs in accordance with paragraph 4 of Decision 10 to the Treaty on Open Skies dated 16 July 1993. Finland and Latvia become liable for OSCC costs sixty days after deposit of their instruments of accession, effective as of 1 April 2003.
3. Taking into account the fact that not all participating States to the OSCE are Parties to the Treaty, States Parties have to make an additional contribution to their contribution to the Standard Scale, in order to cover the existing shortfall.
 - (A) As a rule, this additional contribution will be proportional to the Standard Scale. Nevertheless, any State Party may provide a higher additional contribution.
 - (B) However, taking into account their present economic situation, those countries listed in Annex A to this Decision will be exempted from the proportional contribution mentioned in subparagraph (A) and will only make an ad hoc additional contribution, agreed by the States Parties.
 - (C) The special regime established in subparagraph (B) will last as long as the economic situation in the countries listed in Annex A to this Decision so requires. The special regime will be subject to review every year.
4. As long as only participating States to the OSCE are Parties to the Treaty, and provided that there remains a shortfall to be covered, the financial contribution to the scale of distribution of the OSCC of any State Party will have to be superior to its contribution to the Standard Scale.

5. In case of accession to the Treaty of participating States to the OSCE, their financial contributions to the scale of distribution of the OSCC will be calculated according to the principles established in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3. In that case, the financial contributions to the scale of distribution of the OSCC of the other States Parties will be reduced in due proportion. This provision does not apply to those countries listed in Annex A to this Decision, as long as the special regime established in paragraph 3, subparagraph (B) grants them the benefit of financial contributions to the scale of distribution of the OSCC lower than those of other States Parties which bear an identical contribution to the Standard Scale.

6. In case of accession to the Treaty of non-participating States to the OSCE, their financial contributions to the scale of distribution of the OSCC as well as the scale of distribution of the OSCC will be agreed on an ad hoc basis by the Open Skies Consultative Commission.

7. As of 1 April 2003, the scale of distribution of the Open Skies Consultative Commission is agreed as follows (in percentages):

France	10.152
Germany	10.152
Italy	10.152
United Kingdom	10.152
United States of America	10.041
Russian Federation	9.050
Canada	6.080
Spain	4.463
Netherlands	4.239
Belgium	3.961
Sweden	3.961
Norway	2.510
Denmark	2.287
Finland	2.287
Poland	1.562
Turkey	1.116
Ukraine	0.970
Greece	0.948
Portugal	0.948
Hungary	0.781
Romania	0.781
Czech Republic	0.747
Bulgaria	0.614
Luxembourg	0.614
Belarus	0.520
Slovakia	0.368
Iceland	0.212

Latvia	0.212
Georgia	<u>0.120</u>
Total	100.000

This decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Decided in Vienna, in the Open Skies Consultative Commission on 24 March 2003, in each of the six languages specified in Article XIX of the Treaty on Open Skies, all texts being equally authentic.